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## REGISTER NOW FOR CHARTER START 101 WORKSHOP

BOISE – The Idaho State Department of Education is hosting a Charter Start 101 workshop for parents, educators and others interested in learning more about what it takes to start a public charter school in Idaho from February 28 to March 1, 2013 in Boise.

Public charters schools are free public schools that are open to all students. A public charter school gives parents the choice of sending their children to a school that uses innovative methods to provide a quality education in a smaller, more responsive learning environment.

This two-day Charter Start 101 workshop will provide technical assistance for all new charter developers and any individual or group interested in a public school conversion. The workshop is designed to support public charter school developers at all stages – from vision to implementation.

Workshop attendance is a statutory requirement for all charter developers. This free workshop is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the State Department of Education offices in the Barbara Morgan Conference Room, 650 West State Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Boise. Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. All participants will receive a charter start resource guide.

The deadline to register is **Friday**, **February 22**, **2013**. No late registrants will be accepted. Space is limited so please register now by completing the registration form and returning to Michelle Clement Taylor, <u>mtaylor@sde.idaho.gov</u>. The registration form is available at <a href="http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/charter-schools/">http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/charter-schools/</a>.

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